

Abstract

Method for ablating a tumor in a body while protecting a nearby structure from the effects of the ablation in which an ablation shield is interposed between the tumor and the nearby structure and then one or more ablation sources of an ablation device is activated to ablate the tumor while the nearby structure is shielded by the ablation shield. Preferably, the ablation procedure is performed while imaging at least a region including and surrounding the tumor so that the ablation device can be guided toward the tumor based on the imaging. The ablation shield can also be guided percutaneously between the nearby structure and the tumor based on the imaging. Additional surgical instruments for percutaneous use and method for performing surgery using the same are also disclosed.